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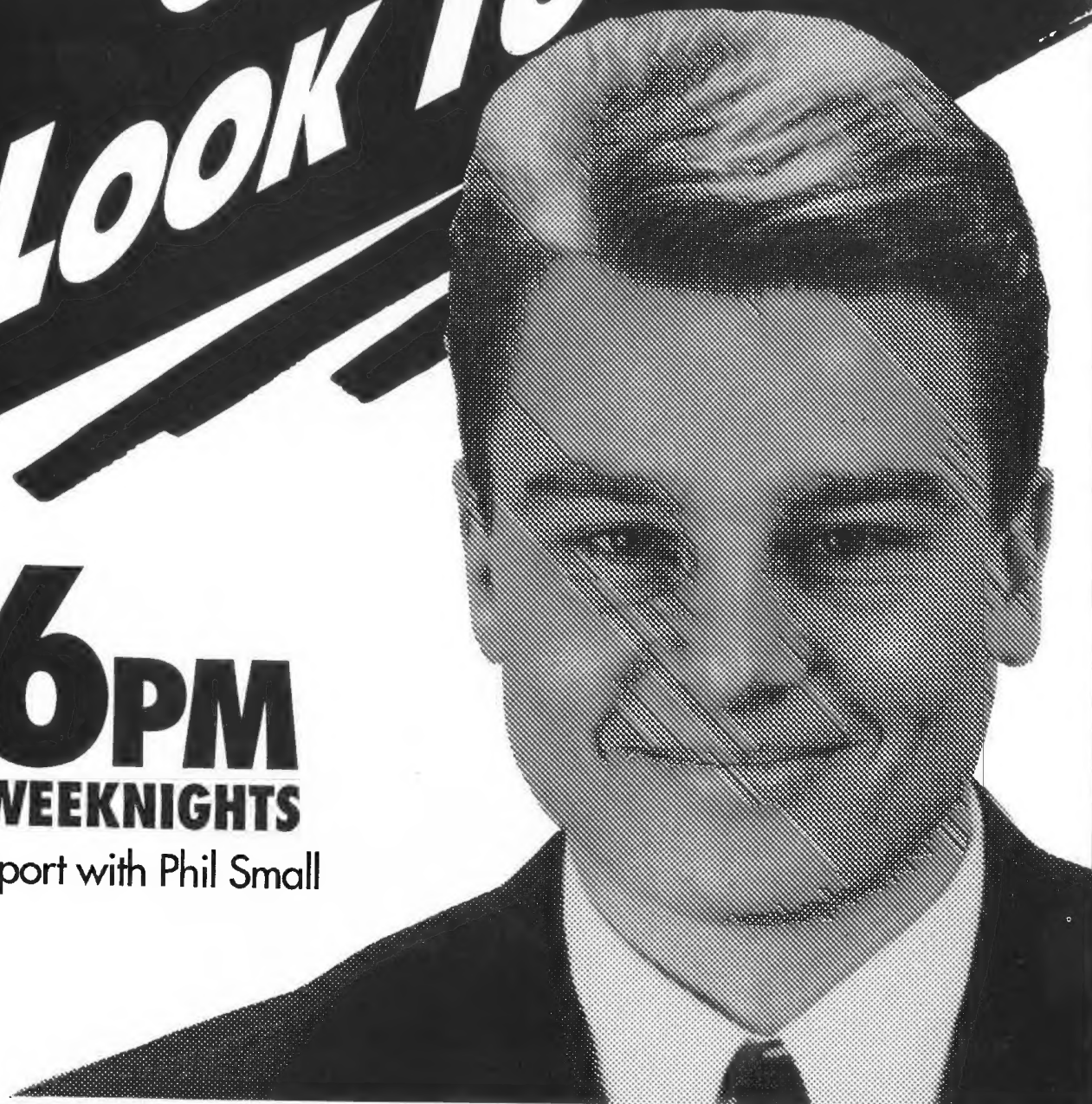
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MATCH PREVIEW

David Wright previews tonight's match against Brisbane.

For perhaps the first time in their history, Brisbane Strikers have a real chance of taking the title. Lying in a handy fourth spot at the mid season break, they are poised to challenge the likes of Marconi, Sydney Olympic and Adelaide City for the League's top honours.

Manager, Bruce Stowell, appears to have assembled the vital combination of youth and experience necessary to carry off the title. In Alan Hunter, Danny Wright and Gary Phillips, he has a wealth of National League experience to call on to organise the side. Add to that the youngsters like goalkeeper, Clint Bolton and the Cranney brothers and you have a good side. Give them a reliable striker like Rod Brown and all the elements seem to be there. But that overlooks two vital ingredients.

The first, Jason Polak, at \$1000, must rank as the best value for money in the League after his bargain transfer from South Melbourne. A regular Socceroo, the elegant midfielder is no stranger to Canberra fans, having spent time at the AIS. Blessed with good vision and an explosive turn of speed, the sight of Polak at his best is worth \$12 of anybody's money.

The second is perhaps the League's biggest drawcard and one Canberra can claim as one of its own. Although from the Sunshine State originally, Frank Farina spent time at the AIS and with Canberra City in the mid eighties before his move to Sydney and subsequently to an illustrious career in Europe. Farina brings that touch of class which has galvanised the Strikers into a formidable outfit. I am sure fans will welcome the return of the prodigal son, even if he has chosen to wear the Strikers colours.

The *Cosmos* are clearly going to have their work cut out to contain the Strikers and will be keen to erase the memory of their 3-1 first round defeat in Brisbane. That encounter was very physical and belied the talent in both sides. A win today for the *Cosmos* is vital if we are to keep in touch with the Top 6. I expect a more entertaining game than we saw in the first round with both sides having a belief in themselves and their ability to compete with any and all comers.

Recent form is difficult to judge, especially over the mid season break when many sides were below strength due to injury, suspensions and international obligations. Both the *Cosmos* and the Strikers could have expected better results from the *Johnnie Walker Cup* and will be anxious to atone for those disappointments by getting their Top 6 challenge underway again.

Both sides are attacking sides, so we should see plenty of goals. Much will depend on how the respective defences cope. In this regard *Cosmos* central defence of Jason Dunn, Toplica Popovich and John Koch is developing a very good understanding. Their battles with the likes of Farina, Brown and Cranney could determine the outcome.

Only a fool would predict the outcome, especially if both sides are at full strength. Whatever the result, the match promises the best that Australian Soccer can offer. Let's hope it lives up to its promise.

David Wright

ACT ACADEMY OF SPORT

The Academy finished the first half of the season with a spectacular run of victories that cemented a top four spot in the Les Scheinflug Cup. The team won all four Xmas/New Year games, beginning on 22 December with a good win away at Wollongong; at half time we were losing 0-1, but after a Tansey tongue-lashing in the dressing room, the boys responded and won the game 3-2. Theo Mihaloglou and Vasco Stojceski combined to set up David Arranz for the first goal. Anthony Barac and Stojceski provided Pathana Phommaseissy for the second, and Anthony Barac hit a screamer for the winner.

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From the LYONS Den

Here we are again, back from a break in the Ericsson Cup (if you can call it that), during which time we made the semi-finals of the Johnnie Walker Cup and along with Newcastle who played some superb football to make the final, we have truly showed that we are worthy of our place in the best football competition in the country.

There is no doubt it is going to be a long hard season. Here we are just over half way through, but still battling injuries and player unavailability. In our loss to West Adelaide last weekend, we had no fewer than seven players who were unavailable for the trip through injuries or suspensions, yet to our credit we took a 1-0 lead early in the game through Ericsson Cup debutante, Alex Castro. Unfortunately we let ourselves down in the second half conceding two goals and giving West Adelaide a valuable three points, but we showed that we have a good player depth in our squad and our reserve players deserve credit for performing so admirably when filling in.

With the business end of the season now upon us we have a big job in front of us if we want to make the final six. We are currently eight points out of the top six and really have to start performing and getting results if we want to threaten the competition leaders. Tonight's game will be critical in that aspect. We are playing one of the form teams of the competition in Brisbane, who are currently sitting in third place on the Ericsson Cup ladder and who demoralised Adelaide City 7-1 in Brisbane last weekend. There is a touch of irony in that scoreline given the first round result which saw Adelaide City thrash Brisbane by a similar margin.

I welcome Brisbane to Canberra. They have a good team with quality players in Frank Farina and Rod Brown up front and are solid right across the pitch. They will miss the services of Jason Polak who is playing for Australia against Japan in Wollongong tonight, but likewise we will be without Paul Wade and that is a big blow to us.

I admire the progress Brisbane have made since they joined the Ericsson Cup. They have developed a professional outfit on and off the park and we would aspire to achieve and mirror the progress of the Strikers. This year they have made the move to Suncorp Stadium which is a tremendous facility that compares favourably to our own Bruce Stadium, however, they have not encountered a hostile Canberra crowd and I hope our supporters will be in fine form tonight.

It is a busy period for the Cosmos. We hosted Japanese J League club Gamba Osaka at Bruce Stadium last Wednesday and we are training hard to ensure we get the results we need on the field. I am sure that with the support of the Canberra public we can reactivate our march toward the final six and I hope that starts with a solid performance and result against Brisbane tonight.

Mick Lyons

COVER PHOTO

Lachlan Armstrong and Paul Dee celebrating a goal against the Morwell Falcons at Bruce Stadium.



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CANBERRA COSMOS - DRAW

| Rd | Date | Match | Time | Score | Attendance |
|-----|----------|--------------------------------|--------|-------|------------|
| 1 | 8/10/95 | v Adelaide City | 7:30pm | 0-2 | 4,680 |
| 2 | 14/10/95 | v Sydney United | 7:00pm | 0-0 | 5,490 |
| 4 | 22/10/95 | v Sth Melbourne | 7:00pm | 2-2 | 2,725 |
| 5 | 28/10/95 | v UTS Olympic | 7:00pm | 2-3 | 3,920 |
| 3 | 1/11/95 | v Wollongong City | 7:30pm | 2-2 | 2,240 |
| 6 | 4/11/95 | v Marconi Fairfield | 7:00pm | 0-1 | 3,617 |
| 7 | 11/11/95 | v West Adelaide | 7:00pm | 1-1 | 3,210 |
| 8 | 18/11/95 | v Brisbane Strikers | 7:00pm | 1-3 | 4,809 |
| 9 | 25/11/95 | v Newcastle Breakers | 7:00pm | 3-2 | 2,240 |
| 10 | 3/12/95 | v Melbourne Knights | 7:00pm | 3-1 | 4,532 |
| 12 | 9/12/95 | v Adelaide City | 7:00pm | 0-0 | 4,120 |
| 11 | 13/12/95 | v Morwell Falcons | 7:30pm | 5-0 | 2,170 |
| 13 | 17/12/95 | v Sydney United | 7:00pm | 0-3 | 4,984 |
| 14 | 22/12/95 | v Wollongong City | 7:45pm | 3-1 | 3,201 |
| 15 | 26/12/95 | v Sth Melbourne | 7:00pm | 3-1 | 3,128 |
| 16 | 30/12/95 | v UTS Olympic | 7:00pm | 0-2 | 4,753 |
| 17 | 6/1/96 | v Marconi Fairfield | 7:00pm | 1-3 | 5,290 |
| JWC | 13/1/96 | v West Adelaide (1st leg) | 7:30pm | 1-1 | 2,751 |
| JWC | 20/1/96 | v West Adelaide (2nd leg) | 7:30pm | 1-0 | 1,573 |
| JWC | 25/1/96 | v South Melbourne (semi-final) | 7:30pm | 1-3 | 2,864 |
| 18 | 4/2/96 | v West Adelaide | 7:30pm | 1-2 | 3,516 |
| 19 | 10/2/96 | v Brisbane Strikers | 7:00pm | | |
| 20 | 16/2/96 | v Newcastle Breakers | 7:45pm | | |
| 21 | 24/2/96 | v Melbourne Knights | 7:00pm | | |
| 22 | 2/3/96 | v Morwell Falcons | 7:00pm | | |
| 23 | 10/3/96 | v Adelaide City | 7:30pm | | |
| 24 | 13/3/96 | v Sydney United | 7:30pm | | |
| 25 | 16/3/96 | v Wollongong City | 7:00pm | | |
| 26 | 24/3/96 | v Sth Melbourne | 7:00pm | | |
| 27 | 27/3/96 | v UTS Olympic | 7:30pm | | |
| 28 | 30/3/96 | v Marconi Fairfield | 7:00pm | | |
| 29 | 6/4/96 | v West Adelaide | 7:00pm | | |
| 30 | 8/4/96 | v Brisbane Strikers | 7:00pm | | |
| 31 | 13/4/96 | v Newcastle Breakers | 7:00pm | | |
| 32 | 21/4/96 | v Melbourne Knights | 7:00pm | | |
| 33 | 28/4/96 | v Morwell Falcons | 7:00pm | | |

NSL Top 6 Series commences on 4th/5th May 1996
Grand Final 9th June 1996

COSMOS LEADING SCORERS

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| Paul Wade | 9 |
| Lachlan Armstrong | 4 |
| Marko Perinovic | 4 |
| Michael Musitano | 3 |
| Tony Lemezina | 3 |
| Jason Dunn | 2 |
| Norman Kelly | 1 |
| Paul Dee | 1 |
| Arsenije Popovich | 1 |
| Alex Castro | 1 |



ACT ACADEMY LEADING SCORERS

| | |
|------------------|---|
| Anthony Barac | 5 |
| Pat Phommaseissy | 5 |
| Scott Conlon | 4 |
| Tony Lemezina | 4 |
| Lindsay Wilson | 4 |
| John Glass | 3 |
| Daniel Bennett | 2 |
| Oscar Zamora | 2 |
| Steve Richards | 1 |
| Michael Barac | 1 |

CANBERRA COSMOS STAR PROFILE



NAME: Stan Dukic
POSITION: Fullback
AGE: 31 years
WEIGHT: 84kg
HEIGHT: 165cm
LIKES: Golf, Rugby League and his fiancée
DISLIKES: Fitness coaches, rough players and losing
FAVOURITE FOOD: Fiancée's cooking, chinese food
BEST SPORT-ING MOMENT: Playing in front of 60,000 people in Singapore
WORST SPORT-ING MOMENT: Missing out on playing in National League when he was 17
GREATEST INFLUENCE: Tom Sermani

BRISBANE STRIKERS - A BRIEF HISTORY

Statistician, Andrew Howe takes a look at Brisbane.

The Brisbane United soccer team was formed as a completely new entity in 1991 and joined the 1991-92 national league competition. Brisbane's entry came about through the determined work of the Queensland Soccer Federation (QSF), but the key to the national league door was the Bradley Report.

In 1990 the Australian Soccer Federation (ASF) commissioned Dr Graham Bradley to provide independent advice on how to effectively improve the face of soccer in Australia. Bradley's major recommendation was to further regionalise the national league. Before 1991 a simple promotion and relegation system was in place in the national league. The bottom two clubs returned to state league football, while two new teams were selected from the state league champions of NSW, Victoria, South Australia and/or Queensland. This provided a straightforward method of determining the national league make up. But the promotion/relegation format often led to clubs putting all their efforts into on-field performance, usually at the cost of off-field components such as general promotion, junior development and home ground conditions. And more often than not it was Sydney/Melbourne teams who gained national league promotion, which didn't do much to spread the Australian soccer gospel into other population centres.

Bradley's report provided the ASF with a tool to start to clean up the league. Strong and ambitious clubs were encouraged to join up, especially those from outside of Sydney/Melbourne. Brisbane previously had national league presence. In fact the Brisbane Lions were one of the instigators of the national league. Lions' traditional rivals Brisbane City also entered the inaugural 1977 national competition. The presence of two national league teams provided Brisbane soccer fans with one game a week throughout the

first ten national league seasons 1977 too 1986. Crowds in the first couple of years were rather good. And City won the first two national cup competitions, the Lions doing likewise in 1981.

But with a general decline in interest and after a drastic reorganisation in the national league in 1987 both Lions and City were dropped. The Lions made a brief but unsuccessful return in 1988.

The QSF soon set about to rectify the situation of no national league presence. But now the QSF enlisted the support of the entire Brisbane soccer community, including both Lions and City. The Brisbane United team was accepted into the revamped 1991-92 national competition.

United was in effect an important experiment. For the first time, a national league side was formed by a state federation. Virtually all of the previous 30 national league newcomers up to 1991 had previously existed as state league teams. This in effect meant that support from other local clubs wasn't necessarily forthcoming, giving previous rivalry that had existed between these clubs at the state level. This was especially true considering the ethnic backing of a majority of Australia's biggest clubs. Other states with no national league representation looked at the Brisbane United experiment with great interest - Western Australia, ACT and Tasmania especially.

After a relatively successful first season, United had a drab 1992-93. A revitalisation in 1993 led to a new team name (Strikers) and a greater promotional push. Perry Park provided a homely and compact headquarters for their first four year. But to coincide with the birth of the A-league in 1995, the Strikers made the risky move to the much larger and more centrally located Suncorp Stadium. And with some great home wins and regular electronic media commitments by Farina and coach Bruce Stowell, the Strikers had made definite in-roads in the south-east Queensland region. Who knows, the Strikers may yet be the very first A-league trophy-holders.

Andrew Howe

BRISBANE STRIKERS

A SUMMARY OF NATIONAL LEAGUE PERFORMANCE

| SEASON | FINAL LADDER POSITION | KNOCKOUT PLACING | AVERAGE HOME CROWD |
|---------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 1991-92 | 6 (14 teams) | =3rd (14 teams) | 2300 |
| 1992-93 | 14 (14 teams) | = 5th (14 teams) | 2100 |
| 1993-94 | 8 (14 teams) | = 3rd (14 teams) | 2500 |
| 1994-95 | 7 (13 teams) | = 5th (14 teams) | 2600 |



TODAY'S
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Ericsson Cup Teams

Canberra Cosmos

25. Steve Mautone
2. Paul Dee
4. Richard Watson
5. Jason Dunn
6. Paul Wade
7. Michael Garcia
8. Norman Kelly
9. Lachlan Armstrong
10. Marko Perinovic
11. Toplica Popovich
12. Arsenije Popovich
14. James Baxter
15. Alex Castro
20. Ben Harris
21. John Koch
22. Michael Musitano
23. Stan Dukic
24. Tony Lemezina
26. Gus Cerro
27. Peter Mazis

PLAYING STRIP

SHIRT Dark Blue
Trim Orange/White

SHORTS Dark Blue
Trim Orange/White

SOCKS White

Brisbane Strikers

1. Clint Bolton
2. Chris Zoricich
3. Craig Williams
4. Alan Hunter
5. Steve Jackson (C)
6. Gary Phillips
7. Frank Farina
8. Jason Polak
9. Rod Brown
10. Danny Wright
11. Troy Cranney
13. Bradley Ditton
14. Sean Cranney
15. Andrew Brayshaw
16. Chay Hews
17. Clenn Gwynne
18. Mark Battistin
19. Reece Tollenaere
20. Graham Ross

PLAYING STRIP

SHIRT Yellow
Trim: Blue

SHORTS Yellow
Trim Blue

SOCKS Yellow

Les Scheinflug Cup Teams

ACT Academy of Sport

Blair Machin
 Jason Markezic
 Manuel Sermeno
 Oscar Zamora
 Lindsay Wilson
 Steve Richards
 Michael Barac
 Daniel Bennett
 Anthony Barac
 Pathana Phommaseisy
 David Arranz
 John Glass
 Luke Larfield
 Adam Powell
 Antony Kelava
 Vasko Stojceski
 Silvio Miceli
 Matthew Valeri
 Dennis Langone
 Shane Lyons
 Craig Rankine
 Scott Conlon

PLAYING STRIP

SHIRT: White
Trim: Blue/Jade/Yellow
SHORTS: White
Trim: Blue/Jade/Yellow

Coach: Chris Tanzey
Assistant: Rod Lynes
Manager: Chris Conti

Qld Academy of Sport

Robert Edwards
 Jamie Lowndes
 Stephen Bland
 Matt Bell
 Shane Giolroy
 Wayne Knipe
 Kasey Wehrman
 Clint McDermott
 Tony De Lange
 Morgan Hartney
 Matt Campion
 Adam Evans
 Trent Cardwell
 David Pilic
 Robert Pudja
 Andrew Packer
 Cale Driver

PLAYING STRIP

SHIRT: Maroon/Grey stripe
Trim: White
SHORTS: Maroon
Trim: White

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On Boxing day we beat Parramatta Eagles 1-0 at Bruce with Lindsay Wilson heading the winner, and on 30 December we came away from Leichhardt Oval with the points after a very tough game against UTS Olympic. Tansey and Rod Lynes had fired the boys up so well for this game that after 8 minutes we were 2-0 up. Oscar Zamora had headed in a corner and Scott Conlon had put Mihaloglou through for the second goal. UTS scored in the 15th minute, and for the remainder of the game we held on. As we sat watching the Cosmos in their game, we thought they would also hang on for a draw, but, playing a man short for most of the game they went down to UTS in the last few minutes. However, the entire Academy squad stood to applaud the Cosmos into the dressing room after one of the most courageous displays seen.

The final game of the period was the most difficult, but turned out to be the most amazing against League leaders, Marconi, at Bruce on 6th January. Marconi had beaten us 0-5 at Marconi Stadium earlier in the season, and were looking for an easy win to consolidate top spot. After 15 minutes, Marconi was awarded a penalty, but once again, as he had on the last three occasions, Blair Machin guessed correctly and saved the spot-kick. Before the half-time whistle, Adam Powell headed his first goal of the season to send us into the break 1-0 up. The second half began dramatically when Mihaloglou was sent off, allegedly for elbowing, and as he was making his way to the dressing room, Marconi equalised. Soon after, Craig Rankine was also sent off, but with nine men we managed to score when Lindsay Wilson beat three men (and the linesman) on the right and centred, where Anthony Barac controlled the ball, beat a Marconi defender and shot past the keeper. With nine men, we held on to the lead for the last 18 minutes (plus seven minutes of stoppage time) for a great victory.

Today we welcome the Queensland Academy of Sport to Bruce for a game it is crucial we win as QAS are challenging us for the fourth position on the ladder. We are pleased to welcome back our captain, Steve Richards, after his tour with the Australian Schoolboys to Malaysia in January.

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From The Grandstand

In this issue, Chris Kunz looks back on the impact and the evolving style of the new star in the A League universe.

"Keep Canberra Out" - that was the headline above a John Taylor 'Comment' in the Daily Telegraph-Mirror on September 13, 1995. Later, that night, the final vote of Soccer Australia Stakeholders excluded Parramatta Eagles, Heidelberg Utd and the Melbourne Zebras from the 95/96 A League - but admitted Canberra Cosmos and Newcastle Breakers.

Taylor had argued that the stakeholders were "duty bound not to accept Canberra in this season's summer competition if it means embarrassing the national league".

It is now a pleasure to report that the only embarrassment the Canberra Cosmos has caused to date has been to those sides who underestimated its capacity. A fair amount of credit for the club's achievements should go to coach Mike Lyons. He was made the Johnnie Walker Coach of the Month for December following 3-1 away victories over Melbourne Knights and Wollongong, as well as home triumphs over Morwell and South Melbourne.

Interviewed by Tom Sermanni on 2SSS's Soccer Scene on December 8, I admitted that the crowd didn't appreciate the long, high ball game that had dominated the side's tactical approach to that stage, but said that I felt the team's style would evolve towards a more controlled short-passing version. The fact that it has now become (with the exception of the regressive and futile performance against a cultured Marconi on January 6) more reflective of the standard Australian style is significant. It is for allowing this to occur that I feel Lyons deserves the award.

Many of you will recall the games that ACT representative teams played against visiting Japanese J League sides over the past two years. In these matches, the controlled, skillful and impressive play of the home side led me to believe that we had the local talent to play at National League level.

Sermanni labelled me as a soccer purist - I took that as a compliment. To me, football is like art. It should be fine and beautiful, stylish and colorful, as well as pleasant to view, with plenty of opportunity for displaying the artist's skills and idiosyncratic flourishes. You

wouldn't pay money to see rubbishy art - why should you waste hard-earned wages watching a group of young men send a piece of leather into uncontrolled orbit ('the lottery ball' as Johnny Warren correctly calls it) - football's version of the aimless splatterings of Blue Poles. In England today, huge amounts of money are being paid for footballing 'artisans' of the Jackson Pollock ilk. Enough said....

Call me a purist, a patriot and a republican - and I'll happily admit to being all three. Canberra not only has the best educated population in this country, it also has the highest proportion of SBS viewers. Since the early '80s we have had a benefit of exposure to the real world of football - one that extends beyond the British Isles. Australian players and coaches have changed their approach and style accordingly. The heroes of our younger players don't necessarily play in the English Premier League and touring teams now come from a variety of continents.

A distinctive Australian style, as evidenced in the first match against New Zealand in the recent Olympic Qualifying Tournament, has emerged over the last decade. It is characterised by crisp short-passing, possession football, regular support of the player with the ball, but fast closing down when possession is lost. The balance between skill and physical play has shifted in favor of the former.

In the early '80s I would pay my money just to watch Sebastian Giampaolo move with the ball. Today it is the flicks and turns of Musitano. I also look forward to the return of Garcia and the possible appearance of Alex Castro.

The Cosmos look set to step further along football's evolutionary path, bringing with them an array of classic footballing artisans - and for that, we shall all be truly thankful!

Chris Kunz

What's Ahead

Round 19

09/02 Wollongong v West Adel
10/02 Cosmos v Brisbane
10/02 Morwell v Melb Knights
11/02 Syd United v UTS Olympic
11/02 Sth Melb v Marconi
11/02 Adelaide City v Newcastle

Round 20

16/02 Newcastle v Cosmos
17/02 Brisbane v Wollongong
17/02 Marconi v UTS Olympic
17/02 Morwell v Syd United
18/02 Melb Knights v Adel City
18/02 West Adel v Sth Melb

Round 21

23/02 Wollongong v Newcastle
TBA Cosmos v Melb Knights
24/02 Marconi v Syd United
25/02 UTS Olympic v West Adel
25/02 Sth Melb v Brisbane
25/02 Adel City v Morwell

Round 22

1/03 Newcastle v Sth Melb
2/03 Morwell v Cosmos
2/03 Brisbane v UTS Olympic
3/03 Syd Utd v Adelaide City
3/03 Melb Knights v W'gong
3/03 West Adel v Marconi



REFEREES FOR TONIGHT'S GAMES

COSMOS

Referee: S. Micallef
Linesmen: G. Dunster
C. McKillop
4th Official: B. Williams
Inspector: P. Murphy

ACADAMY

Referee: n/a
Linesmen: n/a
n/a
Inspector: n/a

Competition Tables

Ericsson Cup Table as at 4 February 1996

| Team | P | W | D | L | F | A | PT |
|--------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|
| Marconi Fairfield | 18 | 11 | 4 | 3 | 33 | 18 | 37 |
| UTS Olympic | 18 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 34 | 19 | 35 |
| Brisbane Strikers | 18 | 10 | 2 | 6 | 32 | 20 | 32 |
| Sydney United | 18 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 24 | 15 | 31 |
| Melbourne Knights | 18 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 18 | 12 | 29 |
| West Adelaide | 18 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 25 | 22 | 28 |
| Morwell Falcons | 18 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 23 | 30 | 24 |
| South Melbourne | 18 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 28 | 31 | 23 |
| Adelaide City | 18 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 27 | 27 | 22 |
| Canberra Cosmos | 18 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 27 | 29 | 20 |
| Newcastle Breakers | 18 | 2 | 4 | 12 | 15 | 36 | 10 |
| Wollongong City | 18 | 3 | 1 | 14 | 13 | 40 | 10 |

Match Results Round 18 (2/3/4 February 1996)

| | | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|---|-------------------|
| Newcastle Breakers | 0 | v | 2 | Marconi Fairfield |
| Brisbane Strikers | 3 | v | 1 | West Adelaide |
| Sydney United | 3 | v | 0 | Canberra Cosmos |
| South Melbourne | 2 | v | 2 | Morwell Falcons |
| Adelaide City | 1 | v | 0 | Wollongong City |
| Melbourne Knights | 0 | v | 1 | UTS Olympic |

Les Scheinflug Youth Cup

| Team | P | W | D | L | F | A | PT |
|----------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|
| Marconi Fairfield | 19 | 15 | 1 | 3 | 64 | 14 | 46 |
| Sydney United | 16 | 11 | 0 | 5 | 32 | 20 | 33 |
| A.I.S. | 17 | 10 | 2 | 5 | 51 | 25 | 32 |
| ACT Academy of Sport | 18 | 10 | 2 | 6 | 37 | 34 | 32 |
| Wollongong City | 17 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 34 | 36 | 26 |
| Qld Academy of Sport | 14 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 40 | 20 | 25 |
| UTS Olympic | 18 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 38 | 28 | 25 |
| Parramatta Eagles | 18 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 29 | 31 | 21 |
| Newcastle Breakers | 18 | 6 | 2 | 10 | 29 | 39 | 20 |
| Blacktown City | 17 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 28 | 44 | 19 |
| St George | 15 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 14 | 50 | 8 |
| NSW ITC | 17 | 2 | 0 | 15 | 8 | 63 | 6 |

Match Results Round 18 (2/3/4 February 1996)

| | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|-------------------|
| Newcastle Breakers | 6 | v | 1 | Marconi Fairfield |
| Qld Academy | 3 | v | 0 | Wollongong City |
| St George | 1 | v | 3 | Parramatta Eagles |
| AIS | 3 | v | 0 | UTS Olympic |
| Parramatta Eagles | 1 | v | 1 | ACT Academy |
| Match Result - Round 9 | | | | |
| Parramatta Eagles | 1 | v | 1 | St George |

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**Next Home
Game**

versus

Sydney United

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13th March 1996**

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